Easter Changes Everything 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

TODAY we Celebrate the fact that Jesus is ALIVE & Willing to Show us the WAY!

The TRUTH is...you just Never Know when it will be YOUR TIME to go...

JESUS is Risen & THAT Changes Everything!

Consider the <u>Implications</u> the <u>Lord's Resurrection</u> has on <u>OUR</u> lives...

1. EASTER CHANGES HOW WE VIEW CHRIST'S DEATH.

- <u>BEFORE</u> His Resurrection, the <u>CROSS</u> was only as a <u>Symbol</u> of Horrible <u>DEATH</u>.
- <u>TODAY</u>, the <u>Cross</u> is a Symbol of <u>HOPE</u> of Eternal <u>LIFE</u>.
- <u>BEFORE</u> the Resurrection, His <u>GRAVE</u> looked like the <u>END</u> of Everything.
- <u>TODAY</u>, we <u>Rejoice</u> that on the **Other Side of <u>Death</u>** is where **Life really <u>BEGINS</u>**.
- On ONE Side of the <u>Resurrection</u>, Everything we see is <u>TEMPORARY</u>.
- On the OTHER Side are things we Cannot SEE...things which are ETERNAL.

2. EASTER CHANGES TIME.

- <u>BEFORE</u> the resurrection, <u>TIME</u> was a <u>Limited</u> <u>Thing</u>. (James 4:14)
- On ONE Side of the Resurrection...Time is VERY BRIEF.
- On the OTHER Side there's <u>Jesus</u> & <u>Eternity</u>...That Changes Everything!
- The whole Purpose & Meaning of our life should CHANGE because of the Resurrection.

3. EASTER CHANGES LIFE.

- The Messages of the WORLD is Hopelessness & Despair.
- If the <u>Only Hope</u> you have is what this <u>WORLD Offers</u>, you're in <u>Trouble</u>.
- Jesus said, "I have come to bring you LIFE...to bring you life more ABUNDANT."
- We find STRENGTH in <u>Jesus</u> & the <u>Power</u> of His <u>Resurrection</u>.

4. EASTER CHANGES <u>DEATH</u>.

- BEFORE His Resurrection, Death was THE END.
- <u>AFTER His Resurrection</u>, when someone dies, we <u>Mourn</u> as people who <u>have Great HOPE</u> because <u>Jesus Christ is ALIVE</u>.
- Early Christians GAVE their lives rather than Renounce Jesus Christ.
- They had <u>Experienced</u> the <u>CHANGE</u> EASTER MAKES...
- The Lord's Resurrection Makes the Difference...EASTER CHANGED EVERYTHING!